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REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action mailed on October 25, 2005. Applicants respectfully traverse all objections, rejections, and assertions made by the Examiner. With this amendment, claims 5, 9, 11-12, 15-17, 21-24, 28-52, 54, 56-57, and 60-72 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 13-14, 18-20, 25-27, 53, 55, 58-59, and 73-75 remain pending.

For an initial matter, please note that it is not clear if the preliminary amendment filed December 17, 2004 was received by the Examiner. Applicants have attached a copy of the preliminary amendment for the Examiner's reference.

The Examiner has asserted that election of a single disclosed species is required under 35 U.S.C. 121. The Examiner identified the following species:

Species I drawn to Figure 2,
Species II drawn to Figure 3,
Species III drawn to Figure 5,
Species IV drawn to Figure 6,
Species V drawn to Figure 7,
Species VI drawn to Figure 8,
Species VII drawn to Figure 9,
Species VIII drawn to Figure 10
Species IX drawn to Figure 11,
Species X drawn to Figure 12,
Species XI drawn to Figure 13,
Species XII drawn to Figure 14,
Species XIII drawn to Figure 15,
Species XIV drawn to Figure 16,
Species XV drawn to Figure 17,
Species XVI drawn to Figure 18,
Species XVII drawn to Figure 19,
Species XVIII drawn to Figure 20,
Species XIX drawn to Figure 21,

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Species XX drawn to Figure 22,
Species XXI drawn to Figure 23, and
Species XXII drawn to Figure 24.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Species I drawn to Figure 2. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 13-14, 18-20, 25-27, 53, 55, 58-59, and 73-75 are believed to be readable thereon. The remaining claims, namely claims 5, 9, 11-12, 15-17, 21-24, 28-52, 54, 56-57, and 60-72, are withdrawn from consideration.

Reexamination and reconsideration are requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is also respectfully requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

Respectfully submitted,

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